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Item 2.

Reissue

From: MOSCOW, M.F.A.

CIRCULAR MESSAGE [a]

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To all ambassadors, ministers, consula-general and consuls of the U.S.S.R., and political advisers (BERLIN, VIENNA, TOKYO). [b]

It has been established that a number of persons employed on the staffs [SOTRUDNIKI] of our establishments abroad are employing the services of foreign subjects in gross violation of an instruction of the M.F.A. [MID] [c] prohibiting persons employed in Secret Cypher Departments [SShO] [d], couriers of the Special Guard [SPETSOKHRAN], and all Soviet members of staffs living on the premises [NA TERRITORII] of embassies, legations and consulates from hiring foreign subjects for their personal service; I demand that the instruction in question be carried out precisely. All members of staffs in the above categories who at present have in their personal service foreign subjects (cooks, nursemaids, washerwomen, maids etc.) must discharge them immediately. Indicate receipt of [1 group unrecovered]. Report execution.

Special No. [C/ 19] [1 group unrecovered] [b]  
[C/ Ts] [a]

[Signed] [1 group unrecovered]

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T.N. [a] Sent to LIGILERS, BERNE, BUENOS AIRES, CANBERRA, CARACAS, HAGUE, HAVANA, MONTEVIDEO, NEW YORK (both to Consul and to Soviet Delegate to UNO), OSLO, OTTAWA, POZNAN, RAYKJAVIK, RIO DE JANEIRO, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTIAGO, STOCKHOLM, WASHINGTON. Also sent (with text unrecovered) to ADDIS ABABA, ALMA-ATA, ARDEBIL, BAGHDAD, BEIRUT, BRATISLAVA, CAIRO, CAPE TOWN, GENOA, GURGAN, ISFAHAN, ISTANBUL, KERMANSHAH, MAHED, MILAN, NANKING, PAHLEVI, PRETORIA, RESHT, RIZAIYEN, SHANGHAI, and TIENTSIN.

[b] The address and the unrecovered group following the internal serial number were omitted in some versions of the message.

[c] MID = MINISTERSTVO INOSTRANNYKH DEL.

[d] SShO = ~~SEKRETNO-SHIFROV.L'NYJ OTDEL~~.

[e] [C/ Ts]. If correct, this might be an abbreviation for TsIRKULYAR = Circular.

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